

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to reflect the 371 status. In addition, claim 41 directed to a use claim has been cancelled as being improper under U.S. practice and being identically encompassed by claim 40.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

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